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Regulations for vessels plying between ports of the Philippines whether infected or noninfected.

MANILA, P. I., July 21, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to report that in view of the fact that other ports in the Philippine Islands have become infected with cholera, I have deemed it advisable to remove quarantine restrictions between infected ports, and the inclosed circular letter has been sent to the steamship agents. I have attempted to make it clear and explicit, even at the risk of tautology, so that the orders embodied can not be misconstrued.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon,
Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.
 The SURGEON-GENERAL.

[Inclosure.]

MANILA, P. I., July 18, 1902.

To Steamship Agents, Manila, P. I.:

Owing to the fact that other ports in the Philippine Islands have become infected with cholera, the following regulations governing maritime quarantine in the Philippine Islands will apply until further notice:

1. Vessels sailing from one badly infected port to another seriously infected port will not be subject to quarantine at port of departure or upon arrival.
2. Vessels sailing from infected ports to infected ports via clean ports will be subject to quarantine at port of departure to protect the clean port.
3. Vessels sailing from infected ports to clean ports will be subject to quarantine as usual, preferably at port of departure.
4. Vessels which have been quarantined at port of departure will not be quarantined at port of arrival, unless vessel has sickness of a contagious nature on board.
5. Vessels sailing from one clean port to another clean port will not be subject to quarantine.
6. Vessels sailing from a clean port via an infected port, for a clean port, will be subject to quarantine upon arrival at the clean port.
7. Under the above regulations, the following ports are considered infected: Manila, San Fernando, Taal, Balayan, Batangas, Calapan, Naujan, Vigan, Boac, Gasan, and vessels can be cleared from Manila to any of these ports direct or via other infected ports without quarantine at Manila.
8. The ports that are considered infected will vary from time to time, since new ports will probably become infected and the disease will disappear from those previously infected.
9. Since Cebu, Nueva Caceres, and Catbalogan are not yet seriously infected, a quarantine of three days will be imposed on vessels sailing from Manila to these ports, allowing the time of the voyage to complete the five days' detention and observation.
10. It is recommended that agents arrange the schedule of their vessels so that they will either sail to clean ports or infected ports only on the voyage.
11. No green vegetables, except potatoes and onions, must be taken either as cargo or food for crew and passengers.
12. Vessels desiring to clear for infected ports must anchor in the bay, raise the yellow flag, and wait for the inspection and clearance from both the quarantine officer and customs officials.
13. Agents must notify quarantine officers to what ports the vessel will sail, and no change must be made in this schedule after clearance, under penalty provided for violation of quarantine regulations.

Report on cholera in the Philippines for the three weeks ended July 12, 1902.

MANILA, P. I., July 21, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to submit reports of the progress of the cholera epidemic in the Philippines for the weeks ended June 28, July 5, and July 12, 1902.